

# Historic Zion Lutheran Church

## DIVINE SERVICE FOR THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

9:00 am ..... Sunday, December 20, 2020

### RECEIVING OF THE LORD'S SUPPER AT ZION

As intended by Christ and as practiced by the one, holy, catholic and apostolic church throughout her history, "Closed Communion" is observed in this congregation, in which the Lord's Supper is distributed only to those:

- (a) who have been **baptized** in the Name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit;
- (b) who have been **instructed** in the truth of Holy Scripture as taught in the Lutheran Confessions, who have been **confirmed** in this Lutheran faith, and who now confess the same doctrines that are taught in this congregation, holding membership in a congregation of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod;
- (c) who **believe that in this sacrament the real body and blood of Christ are truly distributed to them and orally received by them**, bestowing on them the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation;
- (d) who **sincerely repent** of all their sins, and desire to receive God's forgiveness in this holy meal.

Guests at our services, before receiving the sacrament, are requested to affirm these facts with one of our pastors. Thank you for honoring our practice. If you are looking for a church home, would like to be a member of Zion, or would like to learn more about the Christian Faith, please speak to one of our pastors about our membership classes.

✠ = *appropriate to make the baptismal sign of the cross*

When "rise" or "kneel" is indicated, it is *appropriate to sit if needed*

---

**Greeting And Announcements:** *The Lord be with you! ..... And also with you!*

---

### Invocation

*In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. .... Amen!*

### The Office of Confession of Sins and Absolution

*Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.*

[ *Kneel* ]

*Our help is in the name of the Lord ..... Who made heaven and earth.  
I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord. .... And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.*

*O almighty God, merciful Father; ..... I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.*

*Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. .... Amen!*

*The Congregation rises, turns towards the entrance of the nave, and faces the Cross of Christ, the reminder of Christ's promise to come and dwell among His people as they are gathered in His name.*

Introit



[ Antiphon ] “Shower, O heavens, from above, and let the clouds rain down | right- eou- ness; || let the earth open, that salvation and | right- •eousness• may bear | fruit;”

Verse 1 :   **The heavens declare the | •glory• of God, || and the sky above pro- | claims his hand- i- | work.**

Verse 2 :   *In them he has set a tent | for the sun, || which comes out like a bridegroom leaving his chamber, and, like a strong man, | runs its course with | joy.*

Verse 3 :   **Its rising is from the end | of the •heavens•, || and its circuit to the end of them, and there is nothing | hid- den from its | heat.**

Gloria:       **Glory be to the Father and | to the Son: || and | to the Ho- ly | •Spirit•; As it was in the be- | •ginning•, is now, || and will | be for- •ever• A- | men!**

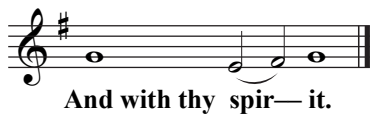
[ Antiphon ] “Shower, O heavens, from above, and let the clouds rain down | right- eou- ness; || let the earth open, that salvation and | right- •eousness• may bear | fruit;”

Kyrie



Salutation

*The Lord be with you.*



**Collect for the Fourth Sunday in Advent:** *Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come and help us by Your might, that the sins which weigh us down may be quickly lifted by Your grace and mercy; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*



**Collect for Advent:** *Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*



[ Be Seated ]                                   **+ The Office of the Word of God +**

**Old Testament Reading..... 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16**  
[ After the reading ] *This is the word of the Lord. .... Thanks be to God.*

**Epistle of the Day ..... Romans 16:25-27**  
[ After the reading ] *This is the word of the Lord. .... Thanks be to God.*

[ Deacon ] Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! “Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel”. Alleluia!



[ *The Gospel is announced.* ] [ *The Gospel is proclaimed.* ]



**Praise be to Thee, O Christ!**

**I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

[ Bow ]     **And was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, And was made man;**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, Who spoke by the Prophets. And I believe in one Holy Christian and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, And I look for the resurrection of the dead, And the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen!**

[ All sing stanzas 1 & 2; Men alone sing stanzas 3 & 5; Women alone sing stanzas 4 & 6; All sing stanza 7. ]

*Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs: [After each petition]:..., Lord, in Your mercy: ..... Hear our prayer.*

[ After the final prayer ]:...., *one God, now and forever .....* **Amen.**

take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re-store un-to me the joy of

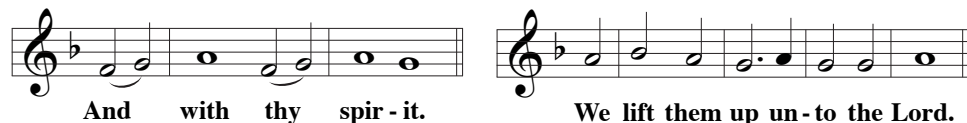


## + The Office of the Sacrament of the Altar +

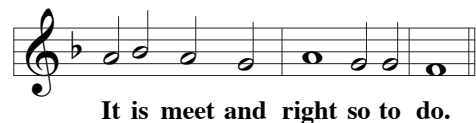
### Preface

*The Lord be with you.*

*Lift up your hearts.*

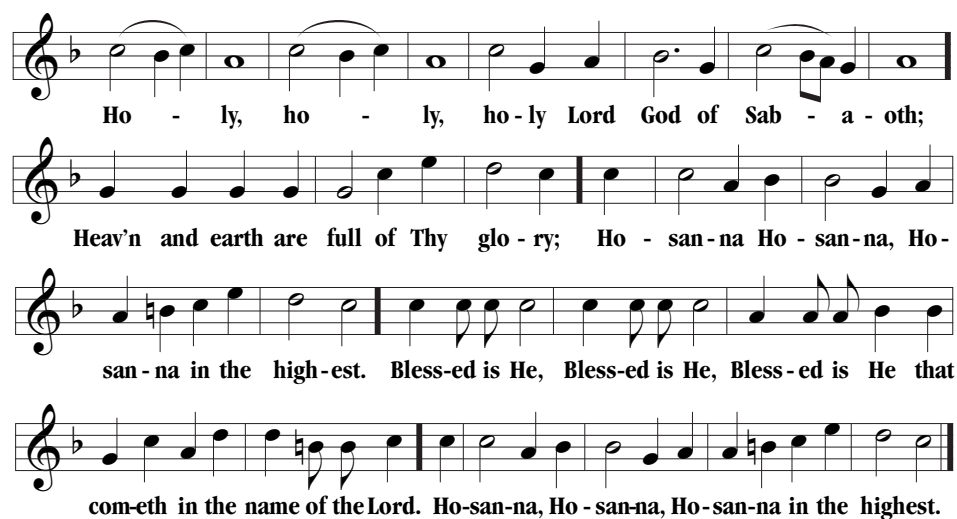


*Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.*

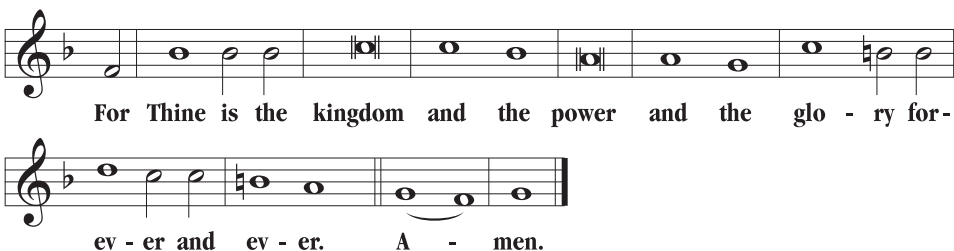


### Proper Preface for Advent, Sanctus

*It is truly meet, right and salutary . . . . . ever more praising You and saying:*



[ *Kneel* ] **Lord's Prayer** [ *Pastor chants:* ] *Our Father who art ... but deliver us from evil.*



### Words of Institution, Pax Domini

*The peace of the Lord be with you always!*



**Agnus Dei**

Musical notation for Agnus Dei. The first line of music is for the first stanza: "1-3. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world,". The second line of music is for the second stanza: "have mer-cy up - on us. Grant us Thy Peace. A - - - men!". The third line of music is for the third stanza: "Stanzas 1 and 2" and "Stanza 3".

[ Be Seated ]

**Distribution Hymns** ..... **The Angel Gabriel** ..... **Burgundy Hymn 356**  
**Jesus Came, the Heav'ns** ..... **Burgundy Hymn 353**  
**Creator of the Stars** ..... **Burgundy Hymn 351**  
[ Rise for stanza 6. ]

**Eucharistic Benediction**

*The Body and Blood of your Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting! ✠ Depart in Peace! ..... Amen!*

**Post-Communion Canticle** ..... **The Nunc Dimittis**

Musical notation for the Post-Communion Canticle. The first line of music is for the first stanza: "1. Lord now— lettest Thou Thy servant, de- part— in — peace, ac- cord- ing to Thy Word." The second line of music is for the second stanza: "2. For mine\_\_ eyes have seen Thy Salvation, which Thou hast pre- pared\_\_ be— fore the face of all\_\_ people." The third line of music is for the third stanza: "3. a Light to light-en the Gen- tiles and the Glo- ry of Thy peo- ple Is - - - ra- el." The fourth line of music is for the fourth stanza: "4. Glo— ry\_\_ be to the Father, and to\_\_ the \_\_ Son, and to the Ho- ly Ghost." The fifth line of music is for the fifth stanza: "5. As it \_\_ was in the beginning, is now, and e- ver shall be, world with- out end. A-men."

**Post Communion Rite**

*Oh, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.*

Musical notation for the Post Communion Rite. The first line of music is for the first stanza: "And His mercy endureth for - ev — er."

**Prayer of Thanksgiving** ...now and forever.

Musical notation for the Prayer of Thanksgiving. The first line of music is for the first stanza: "A — men."

*The Lord be with you.*



*Bless we the Lord.*



## Benediction

*The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.*



*During the Recessional, the Congregation turns and faces the Processional Cross, the symbol of Christ's promise to remain with and lead His people as they now go and live in the world in His name.*

## Recessional Hymn ... Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming ... Burgundy Hymn 359

## Postlude

# Oh, Rejoice, All Christians, Loudly!

**Come join us at Zion Lutheran Church  
as we celebrate the birth of our Savior.**

- Advent Services, Wednesdays at 7pm
- Christmas Eve Candelight Service of Lessons and Carols  
Featuring Choir, Brass, and Organ  
Prelude begins at 6:30pm • Service begins at 7pm
- Christmas Day Festival Service  
Featuring Choir, Brass, and Organ  
Prelude begins at 8:45am • Service begins at 9am



**2313 South Hanna Street at Creighton**

**Telephone 744-1389**

*Liturgical texts and musical settings: from Lutheran Service Book, copyright © 2006 by Concordia Publishing House. Used by permission. License #000012381. Psalm Tone for Introit and Alleluia Verse: from The Anglican Chant Psalter, copyright © 1987 by The Church Hymnal Corporation; used by permission.*

## **Readings for the Fourth Sunday in Advent**

### **The Old Testament Reading is 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16**

Now when the king lived in his house and the LORD had given him rest from all his surrounding enemies, the king said to Nathan the prophet, “See now, I dwell in a house of cedar, but the ark of God dwells in a tent.” And Nathan said to the king, “Go, do all that is in your heart, for the LORD is with you.”

But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan, “Go and tell my servant David, ‘Thus says the Lord: Would you build me a house to dwell in? I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent for my dwelling. In all places where I have moved with all the people of Israel, did I speak a word with any of the judges of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, “Why have you not built me a house of cedar?”’ Now, therefore, thus you shall say to my servant David, ‘Thus says the LORD of hosts, I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, that you should be prince over my people Israel. And I have been with you wherever you went and have cut off all your enemies from before you. And I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may dwell in their own place and be disturbed no more. And violent men shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel. And I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover, the LORD declares to you that the LORD will make you a house. ...

‘And your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me. Your throne shall be established forever.’”

### **The Epistle is Romans 16:25-27**

Now to him who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages but has now been disclosed and through the prophetic writings has been made known to all nations, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith—to the only wise God be glory forevermore through Jesus Christ! Amen.

## **The Gospel is Luke 1:26-38**

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!" But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."

And Mary said to the angel, "How will this be, since I am a virgin?"

And the angel answered her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy— the Son of God. And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." And Mary said, "Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.



## Hymns for the Fourth Sunday in Advent

### LSB357 O Come, O Come Emmanuel

Latin, c. 12<sup>th</sup> cent.

1. O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
And ransom captive Israel,  
That mourns in lonely exile here  
Until the Son of God appear.

*Refrain:* Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel!

2. O come, Thou Wisdom from on high,  
Who ord'rest all things mightily;  
To us the path of knowledge show,  
And teach us in her ways to go. *Refrain*
3. O come, O come, Thou Lord of might,  
Who to Thy tribes on Sinai's height  
In ancient times didst give the Law  
In cloud and majesty and awe. *Refrain*
4. O come, Thou Branch of Jesse's tree,  
Free them from Satan's tyranny  
That trust Thy mighty pow'r to save,  
And give them vict'ry o'er the grave. *Refrain*
5. O come, Thou Key of David, come,  
And open wide our heav'nly home;  
Make safe the way that leads on high,  
And close the path to misery. *Refrain*
6. O come, Thou Dayspring from on high,  
And cheer us by Thy drawing night;  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,  
And death's dark shadows put to flight. *Refrain*
7. O come, Desire of nations, bind  
In one the hearts of all mankind;  
Bid Thou our sad divisions cease,  
And be Thyself our King of Peace. *Refrain.*

## **LSB356 The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came**

**Basque, c. 18<sup>th</sup> cent.**

1. The angel Gabriel from heaven came,  
With wings as drifted snow, with eyes as flame:  
“All hail to thee, O lowly maiden Mary,  
Most highly favored lady.” Gloria!
2. “For know a blessed mother thou shalt be,  
All generations laud and honor thee;  
Thy son shall be Emmanuel, by seers foretold,  
Most highly favored lady.” Gloria!
3. Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head;  
“To me be as it pleaseth God,” she said.  
“My soul shall laud and magnify God’s holy name.”  
Most highly favored lady, Gloria!
4. Of her, Emmanuel, the Christ, was born  
In Bethlehem all on a Christmas morn,  
And Christian folk throughout the world will ever say:  
“Most highly favored lady.” Gloria!

## **LSB353 Jesus Came, the Heav’ns Adoring**

**Godfrey Thring**

1. Jesus came, the heav’ns adoring, Came with peace from realms on high;  
Jesus came to win redemption, Lowly came on earth to die;  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Came in deep humility.
2. Jesus comes again in mercy When our hearts are worn with care;  
Jesus comes again in answer To an earnest, heart-felt prayer;  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Comes to save us from despair.
3. Jesus comes to hearts rejoicing, Bringing news of sins forgiv’n;  
Jesus comes with words of gladness, Leading souls redeemed to heav’n.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Hope to all the world is giv’n.
4. Jesus comes in joy and sorrow, Shares alike our hopes and fears;  
Jesus comes, whate’er befalls us, Cheers our hearts and dries our tears;  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Comforts us in failing years.

## **LSB351 Creator of the Stars of Night**

**Latin, 5<sup>th</sup>-10 cent.**

1. Creator of the stars of night, Thy people’s everlasting Light:  
O Christ, Redeemer, save us all And hear Thy servants when they call.
2. Thou, grieving that the ancient curse Should doom to death a universe,  
Hast found the healing, full of grace, To cure and save our ruined race.

3. Thou cam'st the Bridegroom of the bride, As drew the world to eventide,  
The spotless Victim all divine Proceeding from a virgin shrine.
4. At whose dread name, majestic now, All knees must bend, all hearts must bow;  
All things celestial Thee shall own, And things terrestrial, Lord alone.
5. O Thou, whose coming is with dread To judge the living and the dead,  
Preserve us from the ancient foe While still we dwell on earth below.
- Δ 6. To God the Father and the Son And Holy Spirit, Three in One,  
Praise, honor, might, and glory be From age to age eternally. Amen.

**LSB359 Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming**

German, 16<sup>th</sup> cent.

1. Lo, how a rose e'er blooming From tender stem hath sprung!  
Of Jesse's lineage coming As prophets long have sung,  
It came, a flow'ret bright,  
Amid the cold of winter, When half-spent was the night.
2. Isaiah 'twas foretold it, The rose I have in mind;  
With Mary we behold it, The virgin mother kind.  
To show God's love aright,  
She bore to us a Savior, When half-spent was the night.
3. This flow'r, whose fragrance tender With sweetness fills the air,  
Dispels with glorious splendor The darkness ev'rywhere.  
True man, yet very God,  
From sin and death he saves us And lightens ev'ry load.
4. O Savior, child of Mary, Who felt our human woe;  
O Savior, King of glory, Who dost our weakness know:  
Bring us at length we pray  
To the bright courts of heaven, And to the endless day.

# The Fourth Sunday in Advent



## Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

2313 Hanna Street, Fort Wayne, IN 46803260-744-1389

[pastor@zionfw.org](mailto:pastor@zionfw.org), [church@zionfw.org](mailto:church@zionfw.org) | website: [www.zionfw.org](http://www.zionfw.org)

The mission of Zion Lutheran Church is to be the body of Christ gathered at Hanna and Creighton in Fort Wayne, Indiana to:

- Receive Christ's gifts in baptism, preaching, teaching, and the Eucharist;
- Reach out to those who do not know the love of God in Christ;
- Reveal Christ's love for the world through acts of kindness and mercy toward all.

### The Pastoral Ministry At Zion

Senior Pastor  
Field Workers:

Rev. Douglas D. Punke, MDiv (341-5397)  
Peter Wagner, Erik Saunders

### The Teaching Staff At Lutheran South Unity

Teachers:

Sheila Nehrenz, Principal (744-0459)  
Gene Koch, Yvonne Schwantz, Barry Chrzan,  
Danielle Ramsey, Merideth Tourney, Dawn Gill  
John Fink, Hannah Maresh, Cathie Wakeland, Natalie Reynolds

### The Support Staff

Organist and Director of Parish Music:  
Church Office Manager:

Michael Hollman, MM  
Melvia Culpher

## **PRAYERS FOR TODAY**

- + For the church and those experiencing persecution around the world
- + For those who serve our Lord at home and abroad, especially our fieldworkers, Peter and Erik
- + For our nation, under duress because of COVID-19, and racial and political strife; for our leaders, our military, and our health care workers
- + For our schools, especially Lutheran South Unity School, Concordia Lutheran High School, and Concordia Theological Seminary all back at school,
- + For those who travel
- + For the aged and the homebound, including MaryLou Graham, Juanita Moore, Everett Beck, Helen Russell, Jackie Schieferstein, Cheryl Silvers, and Doris Yerger
- + For those who are near death
- + For the ill, distressed, and those suffering affliction, including Yvonne & Darryl Kirtz, Kristie Roberson, Marq Rogers, Jill Stokes, Nikki Wideman, Hadley Schumacher, Mark Hollman, Gloria Gonzalez, Willie Manning, Lucille Brandt, Donna Scott, Willodean Bates, Connie Meyer, Dick Hollman, Jerry Seifert, Maurice King, John Weber, Miranda Krider, Ron Rastl, and Marlow Hogan
- + For God's blessing on all godly marriages
- + For the gift of life and for length of days
- + For the gift of rebirth by water and the Spirit
- + For those who mourn the death of loved ones, including the family of Ralph Beck.
- + For the faithful departed, especially Ralph Beck and Donald Russell.
- + For our communicants and for a fruitful use of the most Blessed Sacrament of our Lord's Body and Blood

## **IN THE SERVICE TODAY**

Today is the Fourth Sunday in Advent. The Cross Bowl is given by Helen Russell in loving memory of her loving husband Donald Russell on the occasion of his 91<sup>st</sup> birthday. Please complete an attendance/communion card, including the names of all children, and indicate if you are communing. Non-members, please read the back of the card.

## **CALENDAR**

### **December 20, 2020 thru December 26, 2020**

<b>SUN.</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>Divine Service</b>	<b>Church</b>
	10:30 AM	Adult Bible Study	Bauer Hall
	10:30 AM	Junior Catechesis	Conference Room
<b>MON.</b>			
<b>TUES.</b>	12 NOON	Administrative Council Meeting	Bauer Hall
<b>WED.</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>Advent Evening Prayer</b>	<b>Church</b>
<b>THURS.</b>	6:30 PM	Christmas Eve Instrumental Preservice	Church
	<b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>Christmas Eve Lessons and Carols</b>	<b>Church</b>
<b>FRI.</b>	8:45 AM	Christmas Day Instrumental Preservice	
	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>Christmas Day Festival Divine Service</b>	<b>Church</b>
<b>SAT.</b>	11:00 AM	Private Confession	Church

### **December 27, 2020**

<b>SUN.</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>Divine Service</b>	<b>Church</b>
	10:30 AM	Adult Bible Study (Maybe)	Bauer Hall
		No 3 <sup>rd</sup> Day of Christmas Party this year	

## **ZION ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**EDUCATION HOUR:** As we continue to gather in Bauer Hall with an appropriate amount of distancing, we get to enjoy the teaching of Dr. Voelz delving into the Gospel according to St. Mark. Don't be shy. Come! Dr. Voelz is an engaging teacher.

**THE LAST ADVENT MIDWEEK** Evening Prayer service is Wednesday at 7 PM—no Advent Supper before. Seminarian Caleb Stoeveer will preach to us on “The Advent of our God.”

**CHRISTMAS EVE LESSONS AND CAROLS** is at 7 PM on Thursday evening, with a half hour of instrumental music (organ, brass, woodwinds) prior to the service. Please do your best to distance and wear masks. Follow our Stay-safe Protocols. Go into the transepts and the balcony as needed.

**CHRISTMAS DAY FESTIVAL DIVINE SERVICE** is at 9 AM on Friday morning, with 15 minutes of instrumental music prior.

**THE LSUS CHRISTMAS PROGRAM** is available on the [lsusfw.org](https://lsusfw.org) website or on YouTube at <https://youtu.be/b7mRVsnUFUo>.

**WONDERING ABOUT CHRISTMAS AS THE EMBASSY?** The in-person concert has been cancelled for this weekend. However, the kids are working on a recording. When that is ready, we will send that out.

**OFFERING ENVELOPES** are now available for pick up in the Great Hall. See Julie Ganaway if you have questions. Also, Julie has some Zion postcards for purchase at her table. You get 10 postcards for \$5. The table will be taken into the basement for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, but you can still get your envelopes.

**FYI:** If you have a change of address please let Melvia know because giving statements will be ready on Sunday, January 10 all remaining statements will be mailed out by January 25<sup>th</sup>.

**PARENTS WITH LITTLE ONES,** there are booster seats available for you in the old narthex (entryway). Ask or pick one up for your toddler to help them sit and see.

**COVID-19 UPDATE AT ZION:** Most of the metrics in the State have come down a bit, but we have a long way to go. We're glad for the vaccines, but don't want to let our guard down for they won't be generally available until later in the spring. Similarly Allen County's metrics are going down, but we're in the red. Hospital census for District 3 remains high. We've done a good job of staying safe in church — no one to my knowledge has contracted the virus while at church. Members have followed the protocol well, including staying home if sick. Kudos to this point. The finish line is in sight. Let's run the race to the finish with both ourselves and our neighbors in mind.

**MEMORY VERSE CHALLENGE** How did you do on last week's challenge verse? Promises made; promises kept is what our memory verse reminds us of — Galatians 4:4-5 “But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.” Last week's verse was Isaiah 30:15.

**LUTHERAN RADIO,** Issues, Etc. and KFUE online will have special Christmas programming the next couple weeks, especially during the Twelve Days of Christmas. You can listen to Issues, Etc. live or on-demand at [www.issuesetc.org](http://www.issuesetc.org) or on the LPR mobile app or to KFUE at [KFUE.org](http://KFUE.org).

**WATCH WORSHIP ANEW** every Sunday on Fort Wayne, Indiana - WISE 33 (CW) channel - Sunday 6:30 A.M.

**BOTT RADIO NETWORK** airs the Lutheran Hour on Sundays at 9 am on FM 100.1 and at 3:30 pm on AM 1090 & FM 93.7.

## For the family of God's Priestly People at Zion

**God calls His own people a "Royal Priesthood." God makes us kings and queens, princes and princesses** who are bound together by the Holy Spirit in Baptism for the Christian benefit of each other. Priests **PRAY** -- They talk to God about their neighbor! Priests **TEACH** -- They talk to their neighbor about God! Priests **OFFER SACRIFICES** -- They offer to God the sacrifice of broken and contrite hearts; they offer their bodies and work as holy services to God for their neighbors. Join in this priestly work of prayer with your fellow members.

### Morning Prayer

Luke 1:26-38

Revelation 9:1-12

Revelation 9:13-10:11

Revelation 11:1-19

Revelation 12:1-17

Matthew 1:1-17

Matthew 1:18-25

### DAILY LECTIONARY

#### The Fourth Sunday in Advent

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

### Evening Prayer

2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16

Isaiah 42:1-25

Isaiah 43:1-24

Isaiah 43:25-44:20

Isaiah 44:21-45:13, 20-25

Isaiah 49:1-18

Isaiah 49:22-26; 50:4-51:8, 12-16

## THE DAILY PETITIONS OF THE CHURCH

[Daily] **O Lord, have mercy upon us. O Christ, have mercy upon us. O Lord, have mercy upon us.** Let us pray:

[S] For the joy of the Resurrection among us; for true and godly worship throughout the world; for diligent preaching and hearing of God's Word of Law and Gospel; for our pastors; for the teachers and students of our Sunday School; for our Bible Class leaders and their students; for our catechumens; Lord, in Thy mercy, ..... **hear our prayer. Amen!**

[M] For workers; for the unemployed; for farmers; for seasonable weather; for businesses small and large; for our leaders, federal, state and local; for the economic welfare of the nations on earth; for peace in our world; Lord, in Thy mercy, ..... **hear our prayer. Amen!**

[T] For the tempted; for the addicted and despairing; for the tortured and oppressed; for the lonely; for the sick, the hospitalized, and the needy; Lord, in Thy mercy, ..... **hear our prayer. Amen!**

[W] For fathers, mothers, and families; for those adults who must rear their children alone; the teachers and students of Lutheran South Unity School and Concordia Lutheran High School; Lord, in Thy mercy, ..... **hear our prayer. Amen!**

[T] For the Church and her pastors; for the training of ministers of the Word; for missionaries of the Church; for the leaders of the Church, including Matthew, our synod president, and Daniel, our district president; for those who have not heard the Gospel; for the fruitful use of the blessed Sacrament of the Lord's Body and Blood; Lord, in Thy mercy, ..... **hear our prayer. Amen!**

[F] For the preaching of the Cross; for those persecuted for the sake of Gospel; the confession of the orthodox Lutheran faith in our community; Lord, in Thy mercy, ..... **hear our prayer. Amen!**

[Sat] For faithfulness unto life's earthly end; for the revival of those who have withered in the faith or fallen away; for the dying; Lord, in Thy mercy, ..... **hear our prayer. Amen!**

[Daily]

**The Our Father**

## TO PREPARE FOR NEXT SUNDAY

### First Sunday after Christmas

Isaiah 61:10-62:3

Galatians 4:4-7

Luke 2:22-40



# What Doctor Luther Says:

## *About the Power of the Word to Effect the Miraculous*

How did his mother Mary become pregnant? Although it is a great miracle when a woman is made pregnant by a man, yet God reserved for him the privilege of being born of the Virgin. Now how does the Mother come to this? She has no husband [Luke 1:34] and her womb is entirely enclosed. Yet she conceives in her womb a real, natural child with flesh and blood. Is there not more of a miracle here than in the bread and wine? Where does it come from? The angel Gabriel brings the word: “Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, etc.” [Luke 1:31]. With these words Christ comes not only into her heart, but also into her womb, as she hears, grasps, and believes it. No one can say otherwise, than that the power comes through the Word. As one cannot deny the fact that she thus becomes pregnant through the Word, and no one knows how it comes about, so it is in the sacrament also. For as soon as Christ says: “This is my body,” his body is present through the Word and the power of the Holy Spirit. If the Word is not there, it is mere bread; but as soon as the words are added they bring with them that of which they speak.

*Luther's Works, 36:341.*





# Order Your Poinsettia Plants for Christmas 2020



PLEASE PRINT

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

DEDICATION \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ 8 1/2 inch Poinsettia \$38 each \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ 6 1/2 inch Poinsettia \$15 each \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ 4 1/2 inch Poinsettia \$6 each \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ General Donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ Pick up plant after Dec 31

Return this form to the church office by **December 20th**  
to have your dedication  
printed in the bulletin.



# LSUS NOTES

## Praying for You!



### Please pray for these students:

Sebastian Ramirez  
Lilly Soe  
Ethan DuMont  
Preston Beck  
Brooklynn Fuller  
Mrs Nehrenz

Aaleyah Horn  
Montray Bland  
Evoeth Hernandez  
Curtis Bland  
Mrs. Springer  
Miss Mittelstaedt

### JV Girls Basketball

LSUS JV Basketball girls are out on the court playing hard and growing together as a team! This past Monday the girls played Zion Lutheran at Zion Decatur.



### Deck the Halls

LSUS is looking very cheery this December as the students get involved in decorating their own classroom. This is Mr.



Koch's class decking the halls.

You can see students Christmas artwork hanging outside their classrooms on the website! Go to [LSUSFW.org](http://LSUSFW.org) then click on the connect tab near the top. Look for a Walk through our halls. Each grade has a slider of photos from this year!



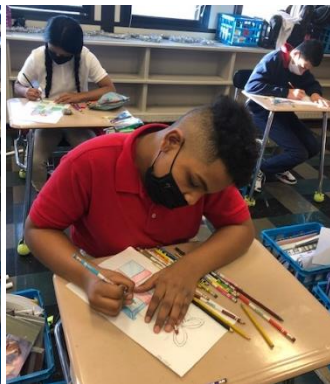
## LSUS NOTES continued



**JV  
Girls  
Basketball**

## 7th Grade Art Class

Mrs. Reynolds taught the 7th Grade about 3D drawing and the students below are drawing 3D Christmas Gifts



## Scriptural Encouragement

*Go on up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good news; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good news; lift it up, fear not; say to the cities of Judah, "Behold your God!" Behold, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him; behold, his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will tend his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms; he will carry them in his bosom, and gently lead those that are with young. ~ Isaiah 40:9-11*



# Issues, Etc.

**Christ-Centered Cross-Focused Talk Radio**

***Talk Radio and Podcasts for the Christmas Season***

December 23-January 1

***Early Church Fathers on the Birth of Christ***

Rev. Will Weedon of “The Word of the Lord Endures Forever”

***The Birth of Jesus Foretold in Micah***

Dr. Jason Soenksen of Concordia University Wisconsin

***Holiday Depression***

Dr. Beverly Yahnke of Doxology

***The New Year Hymn “Now Greet the Swiftly Changing Year”***

Dr. Arthur Just of Concordia Theological Seminary

***The Top Religion Stories of 2020***

Terry Mattingly of GetReligion

**Listen at [www.issuesetc.org](http://www.issuesetc.org)**



**LUTHERAN  
PUBLIC RADIO**

***Sacred Music for the Christmas Season***

***Christmas music returns Christmas Eve***

at

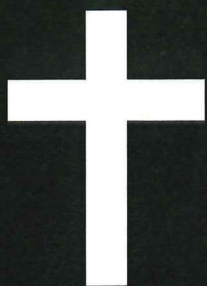
**[WWW.LUTHERANPUBLICRADIO.ORG](http://WWW.LUTHERANPUBLICRADIO.ORG)**

# **Zion Stay-Safe Protocols**

- ✿ Indiana positive cases are the highest they've been since the pandemic began. Let's do our part to keep each other healthy – you know how.
- ✿ If you are sick, GO/STAY HOME; go to the doctor.
- ✿ Those over 65 or immunocompromised are most vulnerable.
- ✿ Staged responses in the state are over; now it's county by county.
- ✿ Wear masks if you can, especially in the pews, because of
  - ✿ prolonged exposure there;
  - ✿ respiratory droplets expelled while singing and speaking.
- ✿ Spread out in church; do the recommended distancing (six feet); use the transepts; go to the balcony as necessary. Of course, families who reside together may sit together.
- ✿ Continue to wash your hands often and use hand sanitizer.
- ✿ Cough or sneeze into a tissue (then throw it away) or into your elbow.
- ✿ No handshaking. Fist bumps or forearm bumps, please.
- ✿ Limit your socializing after the service.
- ✿ Take your service bulletin and texts home after service or deposit them in the blue recycling bins. Hymns are in the hymnals.
- ✿ No offering plates are being passed. Place your offerings and communion registrations in the baskets in the narthex. Don't forget your bank's automatic bill pay as a method of tithing.
- ✿ Holy Communion will continue with stations until the virus is contained. Individual cups are offered for the blood of Christ.



COMING IN FALL OF 2020 | NEW BOOK FROM CONCORDIA PUBLISHING



# **FAITH** IN THE SHADOW OF A PANDEMIC

JOHN T. PLESS | JACOB CORZINE

As Christians, we know how to address the tension between fear and hope. In the midst of our fears, Jesus Christ enters with hope and peace. Fear alone is paralyzing, but fear among the faithful may drive us to Christ. We are no longer paralyzed but rather freed and enabled to show love to our neighbors.